

Ryan joins queue for the treatment table as Blues' injury crisis deepens

VETERAN midfielder Keith Ryan will have a hernia operation today and will be out for up to six weeks.

The Blues ace missed Saturday's Dave Jones Testimonial against Tottenham and has joined keeper Frank Talia and strikers Jonny Dixon

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and Craig Faulconbridge on Wanderers' injury list with the new Football League season just 18 days away.

Talia and Faulconbridge are on the road to recovery but there is good and bad news on teenage

striker Jonny Dixon.

The 19-year-old went in for an operation last week to cure the circulation problem which has been causing him to suffer from pins and needles during matches but the surgeon could find nothing wrong after opening him up.

Manager Lawrie Sanchez said: "The surgeon couldn't find anything that needed doing. Everything looked alright so he decided not to open the other leg. He stiched him up and told him to come back for training when the stitches heal.

"On the one hand its good and

on the other it's not because we are hoping the situation doesn't flare up again.

"Hopefully he can overcome whatever mental things there are and get through. It's a bonus to us that he will be available a lot faster than we intended him to be."